

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Prior to this Amendment, claims 1-36 were pending and claims 12 and 24-36 were withdrawn from consideration. By this Amendment, claims 1-12 are cancelled and claim 20 is amended to correct a minor typographical error. Claims 13-36 remain pending subsequent to the present Amendment.

REJECTIONS UNDER 35 U.S.C. § 102(b):

The Examiner rejected claims 1-4, 7, 13-16 and 19 under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by Zimmer. Applicant respectfully traverses this rejection. The Examiner stated Zimmer discloses a car wash device comprised of a vessel for holding liquid, a pump to pressurize the vessel, a brush having a nozzle wherein the nozzle is sealingly connected to a brush hose fitting, a hose having a first end fitting detachedly and sealingly connected to the fitting and a second end sealingly mated to the vessel.

Claims 1-12 are canceled by the present Amendment. Therefore, it is respectfully requested that the Examiner withdraw the rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) with respect to claims 1-4 and 7.

The Examiner states further that Zimmer comprises a flow control device in the nozzle. However, the flow control device of the instant invention also comprises various positions including a low pressure position and a high pressure position (See p. 6, lines 20 – p. 7, line 2 of the specification). In contrast, Zimmer does not disclose the use of a flow control device comprising various positions.

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Claim 13 includes paragraph (f) which includes the limitations of “a flow control device... having at least a low pressure position for use when the hose is mated to the vessel and a high pressure position when the hose is mated to the high pressure water source hose fitting” (emphasis added). Zimmer, alone or in combination with any of the prior art of record does not teach or suggest this feature, as claimed. Because Zimmer does not anticipate every element of claim 13, applicants respectfully request that the rejection be withdrawn. Since claims 14-16 and 19 depend from claim 13, directly or indirectly, and claim 13 is believed to be allowable, it is respectfully requested that the Examiner withdraw the rejection to claims 14-16 and 19 also and pass all of claims 13-16 and 19 to allowance.

REJECTIONS UNDER 35 U.S.C. § 103(a):

The Examiner next rejected claims 10, 11, 22 and 23 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Zimmer. By the present Amendment, claims 10 and 11 are canceled. Since claims 22 and 23 depend from claim 13 and, as asserted above, claim 13 is believed to be allowable, it is respectfully requested that the Examiner pass claims 22 and 23 to allowance.

Next, the Examiner rejected claims 5 and 17 as being unpatentable for obviousness over Zimmer in view of Waddell. Claim 5 is canceled by the present Amendment. Since dependent claim 17 depends from independent claim 13 and, as asserted above, claim 13 is believed to be allowable, it is respectfully requested that the Examiner pass claim 17 to allowance.

Finally, the Examiner rejected claims 6, 8, 9, 18, 20 and 21 as being unpatentable over Zimmer in view of Wei. Claims 6, 8 and 9 are canceled by the present Amendment. Since

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dependent claims 18, 20 and 21 depend from independent claim 13 and, as asserted above, claim 13 is believed to be allowable, it is respectfully requested that the Examiner pass claims 18, 20 and 21 to allowance.

The prior art that is of record, but not specifically cited is believed by the applicants to be less relevant than that specifically cited by the Examiner

For at least the reasons set forth above, it is respectfully submitted that the above-identified application is in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration and prompt allowance of the claims are respectfully requested.

Should the Examiner believe that anything further is desirable in order to place the application in even better condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact Applicants' undersigned attorney at the telephone number listed below.

Respectfully submitted,

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